

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 401) urging the Republic of Belarus to conduct planned presidential elections March 19, 2006, in a free, fair, and transparent manner, and with respect for human rights.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 401) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 401

Whereas the Government of Belarus has accepted numerous specific commitments governing the conduct of elections as a participating State of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), including provisions of the 1990 Copenhagen Document;

Whereas the Belarus parliamentary elections of 2000 failed to meet international standards;

Whereas the Belarus presidential elections of 2001 failed to meet international standards;

Whereas the local elections in Belarus in 2003 failed to meet international standards;

Whereas the Belarus parliamentary elections of 2004 failed to meet international standards;

Whereas the 2004 vote on the constitutional referendum in Belarus failed to meet international standards;

Whereas Belarus is scheduled to conduct presidential elections on March 19, 2006;

Whereas President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko has placed tight controls on the press, jailed opposition party members, violently disrupted protests, conducted surveillance of opposition candidates, and been implicated in the disappearance of at least 3 opposition members and a journalist;

Whereas, on March 2, 2006, opposition candidate Alexander Kazulin and 20 of his supporters were beaten and detained.

Whereas the campaign of Alexander Milinkevich, the main opposition candidate, has been subject to repeated government harassment and bureaucratic obstacles to open campaigning; and

Whereas the intimidation and arrest of opposition parties and candidates, including the reported March 8, 2006, arrest of Vincuk Viachorka and 5 other members of Alexander Milinkevich's campaign team, represents a deliberate assault on the democratic process and sends a clear signal that government officials in Belarus are not committed to holding free and fair elections; Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the people of Belarus as they face the dictatorship of President Lukashenko;

(2) notes that the integration of Belarus into the Western community of nations will suffer delay so long as President Lukashenko prevents the development of a democratic political system;

(3) urges the Government of Belarus to ensure a free, fair, and fully transparent 2006 presidential election, in accordance with Or-

ganization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) standards, including unobstructed access to all aspects of the election process by the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), opposition parties, and nongovernmental organizations;

(4) encourages the international community, including the Council of Europe and the OSCE, to continue supporting democracy in Belarus, and thanks the governments and people of neighboring countries such as Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia for continuing to promote democracy and human rights in Belarus; and

(5) expresses its belief that tyranny in Belarus will not forever endure and that the people of Belarus will one day enjoy the benefits of democracy and human rights at home.

JOHN H. BRADLEY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1691 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1691) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin as the "John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1691) was read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 83, the budget resolution, as under the previous order; provided further that there be 40 hours equally divided remaining for debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we are going to have a very busy day tomorrow and, indeed, a very busy week. We need to work through amendments on

the budget resolution. At 3 p.m. tomorrow, we will have a series of votes on amendments. Senators should plan to be in the Chamber for six back-to-back votes. Senators who are planning to offer amendments should be working with the two managers, Senator GREGG and Senator CONRAD. Senators should expect full days and some late nights and should plan their schedules accordingly. There will be additional votes tomorrow after the stacked votes at 3 p.m.

Mr. President, as I said earlier today, we will complete action on the budget resolution this week, and we absolutely must address the issues surrounding the debt ceiling as well.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:04 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 13, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBERT D. MCCALLUM, JR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

JONANN E. CHILES, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 2008, VICE ROBERT J. DIETER, RESIGNED.

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

J. C. A. STAGG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 17, 2011, VICE JAY PHILLIP GREENE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KENNETH L. WAINSTEIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. (NEW POSITION)

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

CHRISTINE L. BLICHERAUM, 0000
HERBERT E. B. COKER, 0000
HECTOR L. COLONCOLON, 0000
DAVID W. DEPINHO, 0000
MATTHEW P. FRANKE, 0000
PATRICK A. GENSEAL, 0000
SHERROL L. JAMES, 0000
LESLIE A. JANOVEC, 0000
ROBERT W. JOHNSON, 0000
EDDIE JONES, 0000
DANIEL N. KARANJA, 0000
DWAYNE W. KEENE, 0000
STUART A. KING, 0000
DONALD A. LEVY, 0000
KEVIN L. LOCKETT, 0000
JOSHUA NAROWE, 0000
GLENNDON E. PAGE, JR., 0000
JOSEPHINE E. PINKNEY, 0000
TIMOTHY J. PORTER, 0000
JOSE H. TATE, 0000
ABNER PERRY V. VALENZUELA, 0000

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To be major

KRISTINE M. AUTORINO, 0000
SHANNON ANN BENNETT, 0000
COREA K. BERGENSER, 0000
YAVONTKA V. BOOSE, 0000